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SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD

1. USLO WAS INFORMED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AFTEOON OF SEPTEMBER 21 THAT SENATOR MANSFIELD AND PARTY HAD ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI AND THAT THEY WILL SPEND THE NIGHT IN WU HSI, KIANGSU PROVINCE. NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED.

2. MFA ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 21 TOLD USLO THAT CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OME FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD ADVISED THAT SENATOR MANSFIELD WOULD BE TRAVELING TO VARIOUS PARTS OF CHINA, THAT HE WOULD BE CONSULTED ABOUT HIS SCHEDULE UPON ARRIVAL IN SHANGHAI, AND THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED. DIRECT QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS SCHEDULE AND

PROBABLE ARRIVAL DATE IN PEKING MET WITH A REPETITION OF THIS MESSAGE.

3. WE HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY REASON FOR THE DEPARTURE FROM THE USUAL PRACTICE OF BRINGING IMPORTANT VISITORS TO PEKING FIRST. HANDLING OF THE LONG-SCHEDULED VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND'S FORMER PRIME MINISTER ROWLING SEEMS ANALOGOUS. ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING ON SEPTEMBER 19, ROWLING WAS ADVISED UPON ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 18 THAT HE WOULD THEN PROCEED TO SHANGHAI

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(SEPT. 19-20) AND SIAN (SEPT 21-22) BEFORE FLYING TO PEKING ON

SEPTEMBER 23. NEITHER ROWLING NOR THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY WAS GIVEN

ANY REASON FOR THE CHANGE.
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